

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 6 to line 18 with the following paragraph:

In an apparatus for the purification of a gas which apparatus comprises three-conduit ~~section~~ sections, that is,

1. a ionization and cleaning section in which the particles contained in water-saturated air are ionized and then conducted through a chamber with grounded walls so that part of the particles are deposited on these walls,
2. an additional cleaning section which includes grounded tubes past which the gas is conducted to remove additional charged particles and
3. a filter section in which dry remaining fine particles are removed from the gas stream.

The the deposited particles are flushed from all three sections and the flushing water is cleaned and re-cycled.

Please amend the second paragraph on page 12 as follows:

Upstream of the electrostatic charging unit 1 at the entrance to the apparatus the annular collector 110 is supported on the interior wall of the first conduit section 1 for collecting the condensed water flowing down the conduit wall in order to protect the charging unit 111 disposed just below. The collected ~~condense~~ condensed water is conducted out of the apparatus by way of the connector 118 for reconditioning.